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To the judge of the federal trial court hearing the Microsoft Corp. case,

I am writing to express my views on the proposed settlement with Microsoft Corp. The current settlement which is being pursued by the U.S. Department of Justice and some of the participating states does not in my opinion offer the protections required of such a settlement for either consumers or competing companies. I believe much stronger remedies are called for to prevent further abuses by Microsoft Corp., correct ongoing anti-competitive behavior by this company, and deprive Microsoft Corp. of its illegal gains. I believe the states which are dissenting from the current settlement have reasonable concerns regarding the current proposal. I am in favor of more stringent remedies to control Microsoft Corp.

Sincerely,

Mark Hartelt

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